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# **Olde Wythe, Pasture Point listed on National Register of Historic Places**

Stroll down the streets of Olde Wythe and Pasture Point, two very distinct historic districts, and you'll see why they were recently added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prime examples of the diverse architectural styles and eclectic look that existed during the late 1800s and early 1900s, Pasture Point and Olde Wythe were developed as early “suburbs” for prominent professionals and shopkeepers.

Pasture Point is a residential, waterfront community of about 28 acres located along the Hampton River and Brights Creek within walking distance of downtown. The district includes 110 buildings from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century that contribute to its historic importance, and some streets still have their original cobblestone. Pasture Point developed around a rail line and streetcar system that once connected downtown Hampton with downtown Newport News to the west and with Phoebus, Old Point Comfort and Buckroe to the east. At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Pasture Point was considered “the” place to live in Hampton.

Olde Wythe is a larger community nestled between the Hampton Roads harbor and Kecoughtan Road with stunning water views and its own ties to the nation's history. The earliest home still in use was constructed in 1849 and hosted a front row view of the 1862 battle of the Civil War ironclads Monitor and Merrimac. Olde Wythe is composed of six primary subdivisions, including more than 2,000 buildings from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century that contribute to its historic importance.

Pasture Point and Olde Wythe join Aberdeen Gardens, Downtown Hampton, Fort Monroe, Phoebus and Victoria Boulevard as historic districts in Hampton that also have Virginia and National register status. Fort Wool and Hampton Institute (Hampton University) are also on the National Register, and Fort Monroe is also a national monument.

Hampton has more than 20 individual places listed on historic registers.

For more information about these and other Hampton neighborhoods, including a map, go [online](#) and visit the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. You can also go [online](#) to find out more about the state and national registers.

Administered by the National Park Service, the National Register is the official, federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture.

National Register listing encourages preservation of historic properties through public awareness. Being listed on the National Register can make property owners eligible for federal tax credits. Being listed on the Register doesn't place any restrictions on the use of property and it doesn't prevent alteration or demolition of buildings in the district.

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